

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

SUSAN CHEN, et al.,

CASE NO. C16-1877JLR

Plaintiffs,

ORDER

V.

NATALIE D'AMICO, et al.,

Defendants.

On April 6, 2023, this court granted Plaintiff Susan Chen’s motion to appoint
counsel for her minor son, J.L. (4/6/23 Order (Dkt. # 310) at 5-7.) The court concluded
that appointment of counsel would serve the interests of justice and conditionally granted
Chen’s motion, contingent on this District’s Pro Bono Panel’s ability to identify an
attorney willing to represent J.L. (*Id.*) Pursuant to this District’s Pro Bono Plan, *see*
Clerk’s Order No. 16-20, Section 4(b) (Dec. 8, 2020), the court directed the Clerk of
Court to identify an attorney from the Pro Bono Panel to represent J.L. for the duration of

1 the action, (4/6/23 Order at 8). The Clerk has now identified pro bono counsel willing to
2 represent J.L. Accordingly, the court ORDERS as follows:

- 3 1. The court APPOINTS Hari Kumar of Duane Morris LLP, 701 Fifth Avenue,
4 42nd Floor, Seattle, WA 98104, 415-957-3034, hkumar@duanemorris.com to
5 represent J.L., and no other party in this litigation, for the duration of this
6 action.
- 7 2. The court DIRECTS Mr. Kumar to file a Notice of Appearance no later than
8 **May 12, 2023**.
- 9 3. If counsel is unable to assume this representation for a reason set forth in the
10 Pro Bono Plan, counsel must file a motion for relief from appointment
11 immediately. In the event J.L. prevails in this action, appointed counsel may
12 move for an award of attorney's fees under any applicable authority. However,
13 the court is unable to assure counsel of compensation from any other source.
- 14 4. The court ORDERS the parties to meet and confer and file a Joint Status
15 Report no later than **June 30, 2023** that includes a proposal for how this matter
16 should proceed.
- 17 5. The court DIRECTS the Clerk to send a copy of this order to Mr. Kumar.

18 Dated this 26th day of April, 2023.

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JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge